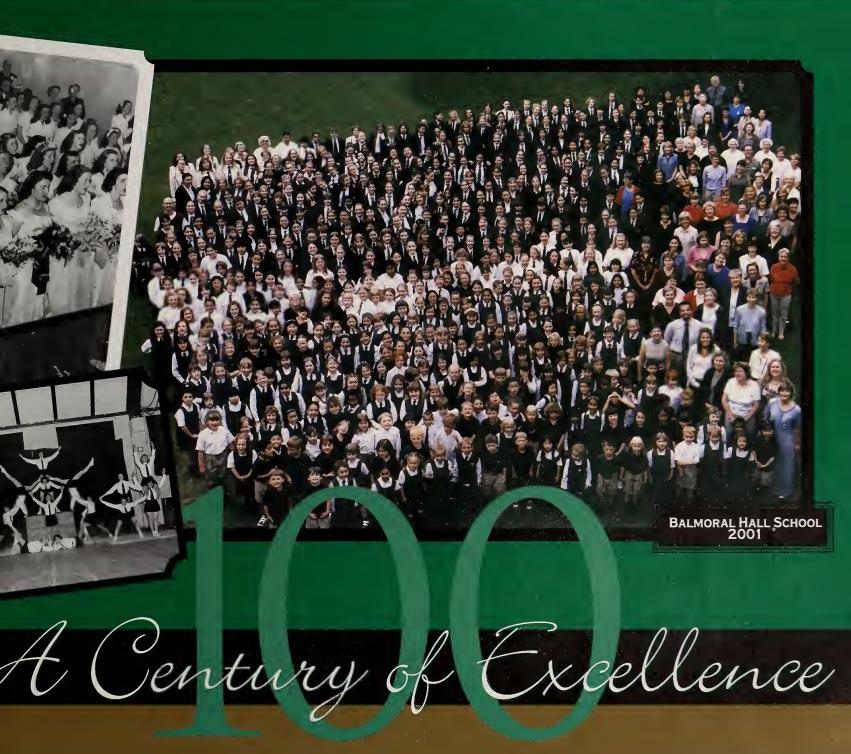


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# R Century Excellence

The following is transcribed from Miss M. J. Dalton's handwritten notes, which are undated but are believed to have been written in about 1950 at the request of some Rupert's Land graduates who were compiling information about the history of Havergal and Rupert's Land Colleges.

In the spring of 1901, several prominent men in Winnipeg decided that the City should have a good girls' college for residents and day pupils, to avoid the necessity of sending girls East, if their parents wished them to have a private school education. As many Winnipeg girls had been sent to Havergal College in Toronto, these men made contact with that college and obtained information to help establish a similar one in Winnipeg, founded on good educational and religious lines.

The first thing to do, after a meeting of prospective parents had decided that they would go ahead with the project, was to find a suitable house. This was difficult, but finally, a house known as the Austin House was chosen. It was on Carlton near Broadway and had good grounds and was in a good central position

for those days, not far from Government House.

It was difficult to settle on the size of Staff, number of classrooms and dormitories, when the number of prospective pupils was vague. Day girls and boarders began to be registered and preparations were made according to the numbers coming in. But just three days before the Opening, a number of parents who had been away all the summer, poured in and a large number (80, perhaps) of new pupils were entered. This meant rapidly getting more Staff and more accommodation in a house on Edmonton Street.

These crowded conditions could not continue indefinitely, and a new wing to the house was planned to provide a Hall for daily morning Prayers for the whole school, entertainments, lectures and physical exercises in the winter.

Occasionally, when riding horses could be hired, a few girls had wonderful rides with Miss Dalton across the prairie that began in those days at the top of Broadway by the Osborne Barracks, near All Saints Church.

A crest, with motto and emblem, had to be decided on and, also, College colours had to be chosen. After great consultations of Staff and girls, the motto Alta Petens, the emblem a Soaring Eagle and the colours of an ox-eyed daisy (black, white and orange) were decided upon. This motto "Seeking Higher Things" gave the aim of the College and the restless soaring eagle typified the vigour and persistence with which that aim had to be sought.

Such, were a few of the doings of the first years of Havergal, Winnipeg.

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#### FROM 1901 TO TODAY



Miss Dalton's memories of Havergal College bring to light the incredible changes that have taken place in the world and to our School in the last 100 years.

Today, students communicate by e-mail, cell phones, and use computers in their daily lives. It is believed that advances in technology and knowledge are no longer yearly changes but hourly advancements. To this end, the community of BH has spent the last ten months crafting a strategic plan that incorporates a planning, implementing, evaluating and improving framework. Details of this plan will be incorporated into Balmoral Hall's Year End Report available in November 2001.

As in the past, our goal is to provide students with a well-balanced foundation for personal and professional success by offering them an enriched and challenging program specifically tailored to the way girls learn. Both the academic and extra-curricular activities are designed to motivate and challenge students to achieve their personal best.

As in the early 1900s, we continue to welcome day and boarding students and we continue to grow. In fact, within the last three years, the number of students in residence has doubled and our international students form a wonderful global community that enriches everyone's educational experience.

Today, enrollment is at an impressive 545 students with three out of every four applicants registering. As several grades are full, many eager applicants are currently on waiting lists. My congratulations go out to all the BH staff who have worked so hard to build our exciting community of learners. As in 1901, inquiries keep coming in! Evidence that after 100 years of dedication to the education of young women, girls and boys (JK & K), families recognize that BH is the best educational choice in Manitoba.

Some things also remain the same. BH students are encouraged to become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens of both their local communities and the global community. Our global community is being invited back to the School over the course of our centennial year to events such as the *Yes She Can* Awards Dinner in January, the Parent Association Dinner/Dance & Auction in March and the Alumnae *Centennial Reunion* in May.

I look forward to welcoming back our BH Family — I hope many of you will join us at our monthly Decade Assemblies listed on page 4.

Meliora Petens, Usine Simerlus

Claire Sumerlus, Head of School

#### Strategic Goals—Balmoral Hall will...

- Continue to provide a personalized well rounded educational and social program that best addresses the needs of an all girls environment.
- 2 Further advance its national and international reputation as an international girls' school by providing a global education emphasizing social responsibilities and global awareness.
- Be a leading all girls school providing a distinctive and outstanding student centered learning experience noted for its high standards, enhanced curriculum, technology curriculum, technology integration, academic rigor and engagement of students with faculty in the process of inquiry, discovery and critical thinking.
- Continuously build a highly qualified and effective faculty and administrative staff that works

- cooperatively as a team and to provide ample professional growth opportunities to enhance the productivity and dynamism of the school.
- Continue to work in a supportive partnership with parents, the Board of Governors and community to ensure the continued success of our students.
- Optimize overall enrollment, striving to sustain and enhance the rich diversity and high academic profile of Balmoral Hall's student body.
- Expand and diversify its sources of revenue and manage its expenses with fiscal responsibility to ensure that BH can achieve its mission and strategic goals.
- Continue to maintain and enhance its facilities to support curricular and extracurricular programs and, thereby, enhance student learning.

Balmoral Hall, a leading contemporary all-girls school, is committed to a tradition of academic excellence. We educate, encourage and empower our girls and young women to achieve their personal best.

The Portal, a publication of Balmoral Hall School's Development & Alumnae Office, is distributed to over 4,000 members of the BH Family—parents, alumnae, grandparents, staff, former parents, former staff and friends of the School.

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#### MEMORIES OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM



When I was at Rupe, leotards had not been invented and we had to keep our lisle stockings up by means of a garter belt. Every now and again, of course a garter would snap and you just hoped and prayed that the other one would hold or else the stocking would slither down to your ankle.

#### Mary (Tucker) Taylor, Rupert's Land '48

Rupert's Land students in the 1940s

One visual remembrance about clothing at Balmoral Hall was the vision of our Headmistress, Miss Murrell-Wright, rushing down the centre aisle at Prayers in the morning with her academic gown flying behind her and the mortar board which sat squarely on her head making her look very stern indeed. In fact, I discovered, especially in my graduating year, that she really had a marshmallow heart and her caring for the girls was outstanding.

#### Mary (Bruce) Graham BH '66

Seen here in 1951 are Johanne (Wintemute) Ferguson, first BH Head Girl, Cathy (Young) Montrose, Head Girl in 1952 and Miss G. Murrell-Wright, Head of School



When I was at BH, it was a time when your self-expression was shown by what was on the inside, not the outside, by your boxers!

Aynsley Baldwin BH '99



I wonder how many girls who had sworn off red and gray for life found themselves wearing just those colours frequently in the years to come! I still do from time to time.

#### Marion (Hambley) Campbell, Riverbend '45

Riverbend students hard at work in the mid 1930s

The best thing about wearing a uniform was that you never had to think about your outfit in the morning. In fact, a few of us Rez kids would sleep in our shirts and tights with our ties tied and have them ready next to the kilt, sweater, and shoes near the door - that way, you could sleep right up until you heard the breakfast bell.

Mira (Sahay) Black BH '90

I gained one invaluable skill in wearing this uniform. I learned to tie a tie! At university, this became a great introduction to many young men who asked for Tessons and were suitably impressed!

Suzanne Evans BH '62

Students wore tunics until the 1960s





They tried tartan pants for a few years, they were BAD! We used to like to roll down our socks. My daughter now tries to do that, and I won't let her!

Tannis Leach BH '83

Judy Przibislawsky wearing the BH pants in 1977

#### **Video of School Uniforms**

With input from alumnae around the world, a video of the school uniform is now complete! Leah Wong and Katie Reynolds, currently in Grade 10, have been digging in the Archives, flipping through yearbooks and compiling responses from alumnae about their fondest memories of the uniform.

This contribution to the centennial celebrations is one of many activities students have been a part of over the last year as BH prepares for its 100th anniversary. The video includes photographs that show the evolution of the Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall uniforms. Also included are quotes from alumnae about the impact of the uniform on their lives then and now.

Students plan to show the video to current students at a school assembly and to alumnae attending the Centennial Reunion in May 2002. They also hope that it will be accessible on the school's website soon!

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#### A Message from the 100th Head Girl

By Marisa Louridas '02

It is an honour for me as Head Girl to be able to represent the student body during such a special year. The preparation of Balmoral Hall's centennial year has already been filled with new adventures and surprises. I am looking forward for the rest of the year to follow this same path and for the executive council to always be faced with new and exciting challenges.

I know that the centennial spirit will be carried throughout the year with each grade profiling a specific decade at an assembly. Reuniting with the past BH Family will be a dominant focus with the help of the new Alumnae Prefect. Our Centennial Prefects are also ready to organize new events in order to add to the uniqueness of this year. I am very excited to be representing all BH students and graduating in this unforgettable year!

#### **Congratulations Balmoral Hall!**

By Cheryl Briggs, Judy Christie & Christina Kowalec Centennial Staff Committee Co-Chairs

With Balmoral Hall's centennial year now here, staff and students are eagerly preparing for their part in the celebrations.

Each grade level from Senior 4 (Grade 12) down to Grade 3 is responsible for one decade leading up to our 100<sup>th</sup> year as Balmoral Hall. The activities will include a special assembly acknowledging that decade and one other activity during the month. The decades will coincide with each month of the school year from September to June.

The Senior 4 students kicked off our celebrations with an assembly in September and helped organize and carry out the various activities at the annual Bar-B-Q which had a 1900s picnic theme.

Each of the primary grade levels will work with one of the older grades to help plan and take part in the activities. The celebrations promise to be fun and exciting with students from all grades helping to honour a decade.

## Join us at our special assemblies in the Richardson Hall Athletic Centre:

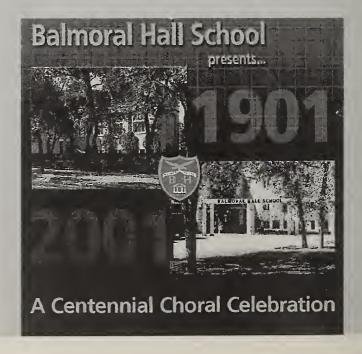
- Celebrating the 1910s (Grade 11 assembly)
   Friday, October 12, 2001 9 a.m.
- Celebrating the 1920s (Grade 10 assembly)
   Friday, November 9, 2001 9 a.m.
- Celebrating the 1930s (Grade 9 assembly)
   Wednesday, November 28, 2001 9 a.m.
- Celebrating the 1940s (Grade 8 assembly) Friday, January 11, 2002 9 a.m.

#### A Lasting Keepsake...and a Great Gift!

A few copies are still available of the anniversary CD featuring the five choirs of Balmoral Hall School! Professionally manufactured, "A Centennial Choral Celebration" is a 75 minute CD featuring thirty-seven musical selections sung by girls from Grade One to Twelve. This CD was recorded in the spring terms of 1999 and 2000 as a special project to celebrate the School's 100th anniversary.

Cost: \$18 (add \$2 to have it mailed)

Pick up your copy at the School today or to order call (204) 784-1600 or e-mail info@balmoralhall.com





#### Join us at the Centennial Reunion in 2002!

By Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81, Reunion Chair

It's hard to believe but the *Centennial Reunion* weekend is right around the corner! May 2002 is approaching with great speed and the organizing committee has been hard at work getting events and activities ready for returning alumnae!

Our monthly meetings are well attended by a group of dedicated volunteers committed to keeping the interests of all alumnae as the central focus. The basic framework for the weekend is now in place. At our last meeting in June, the Committee set the registration fee at \$150 with an 'early bird' fee of \$135 for those registering before mid-March. This fee includes decade parties on Friday night, a luncheon at Balmoral Hall on Saturday afternoon and the Gala Dinner later that evening. A variety of events will be held throughout the weekend so stay informed about upcoming announcements!

Keeping this in mind, the Committee is planning for large numbers of alumnae returning to visit former classmates and staff. In order to keep numbers manageable, we've decided that the weekend will be an "alumnae-only" celebration.

Thus, the focus of the *Centennial Reunion* will be on events of interest to alumnae and former staff. And don't worry, the Committee recognizes that alumnae love to visit with each other! Time has been set aside for uninterrupted talk time. Come prepared to chat!

If you would like to register now, you can use the form inserted in this issue of *The Portal*. We look forward to receiving your registration!



#### May 3-5, 2002

#### Your Centennial Reunion Planning Committee!

Chair Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81
Reunion Advisors Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66
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Maria (Clark) Lysack '82

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Carole Ann (Cory) Baron '59

Archive Displays Lyn Stephen '57
Decade Parties Sarah Young '98
Laura Fletcher '00

Sarah Coates '00

Fête at BH Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90

Erin Palmer '00 Amanda Aldous '02 Jennifer Baron '91

Darlene (Andison) Burke '88

Rachel Corrin '00
Ardyth DeFehr '91
Megan Jessiman '83
Danielle Matte '02
Aliza Sharfe '02
Rebecca Staunton '90

Gala Dinner Drew Salter '77

Lisa Shore '75

Church Service Leslie (Stovel) Sprange '67

We are still in need of volunteers. Can you help out? Please check the list of possible volunteer positions on page 6 and on the School website to keep up-to-date on how you can get involved.

#### GETTING READY FOR A GREAT GATHERING

#### We Need Your Help!

"I can't wait to see this reunion come to life!"

Jennifer (Thamer) Meister '85, Communications Co-Chair

"It's been great connecting with alums from other decades — each has their own perspective of what BH is and was to them and brings their own unique ideas and spirit to the table."

Sarah Coates '00, Decade Parties Committee

"Don't forget to register early to ensure your participation in a wonderful event!"

Daphne (White) Lindsay RIV '49, Registration Co-Chair

To pull off this large reunion, we need many of you to get involved. We hope one of the following positions will be of interest to you:

#### Souvenirs Coordinator

This volunteer will select and order souvenir items that appeal to alumnae, provide input on the promotional brochure, set up a booth during the weekend to sell souvenirs and coordinate volunteers at the booth.

#### **Volunteers & Supply Coordinator**

This alum will maintain a list of all volunteers and volunteer requirements, provide volunteers to committees as required, maintain a list of supplies required and ensure prompt and safe return of each item, greet and direct volunteers on-site during the reunion, and organize a volunteer recognition event following the reunion.

#### Volunteers are also required to:

- Set up archive displays
- Oversee the Saturday Luncheon
- · Assist with the Gala Dinner
- Help at the Registration Desk
- Assist with the Church Service

To find out more, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or e-mail alumnae@balmoralhall.com

#### **Centennial Reunion Schedule of Events**

Here is what we have in store for you next May. We hope you will be able to join us as we reunite 100 years of alumnae at one big weekend celebration!

To get up-to-date information, keep your eye on our website, www.balmoralhall.com

#### Friday, May 3, 2002

2:30 p.m. School Assembly

3:30 p.m. Registration at BH

4-8 p.m. Dinner on own

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Registration at The Fairmont Winnipeg hotel

(Portage & Main)

8 p.m. Decade Parties at The Fairmont Winnipeg

• Entertainment by Mira (Sahay) Black '90

#### Saturday, May 4, 2002

10:30 a.m. Registration

11 a.m. New Directions — a special meeting of the

Alumnae Association

Noon – 4 p.m. "Fête" at Balmoral Hall School

 Includes lunch, tours, demonstrations by students, show in theatre, archive displays, souvenirs, group photos

6 p.m. – 1 a.m. Gala Dinner at The Fairmont Winnipeg

• Ashleigh Banfield '85, Master of Ceremonies

#### Sunday, May 5, 2002

1 p.m. Service at Westminster Church

P.S. Your Registration Form is enclosed in this issue! It will be enclosed once again in the January 2002 issue of *The Portal*.

#### **Party for Former Staff**

All current and former staff are invited to attend the *Centennial Reunion*. However, if you are unable to attend the entire weekend, we hope you will consider joining us at the Decade Parties on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 p.m. at The Fairmont Winnipeg. This will be a great opportunity to see your former students and colleagues!

This option is only available to current and former staff at a cost of \$10 per person. Please use the enclosed registration form.

#### **To All Centennial Reunion-Goers!**

Although we are still a few months away from the alumnae *Centennial Reunion* in May 2002, you may like to know that a block of hotel rooms has been booked at The Fairmont Winnipeg. This hotel is located at the corner of Portage & Main (formerly the Lombard and the Westin).

A special rate of \$109 (single or double) per night is available for alumnae. Please call the hotel directly at 1-800-441-1414 to make your reservation.

#### YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW



Deborah Metcalfe '76 (left) receives the Alumnae Pin from Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen '78 at the Alumnae Brunch in April 2001.

The pin was a gift to Anne (Crowe) Collum, the first Havergal College Alumnae President at the time of her marriage in 1913. Shaped like the Havergal College crest, this gold and diamond pin continues to be passed down to Alumnae Association Presidents who wear it with great pride.

# Report on the Annual General Meeting held April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001

By Deborah Metcalfe '76, Alumnae Association President

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend the AGM this year. There were many familiar faces but also a lot of new people among us. This year, no nominations were held because the existing board members are staying on in various capacities on the *Centennial Reunion* Committee.

T'shura Elias '94 gave a report from the Heritage Committee on the restoration of Aikins House. The work has included not only the House but the paintings and furnishings as well. The remainder of the main floor restoration activities are smaller finishing touches prior to the reunion weekend. Heather Hinchliffe '81 gave a report on the *Centennial Reunion* weekend. Preparations are well under way for a fabulous weekend for all of us. I encourage all alumnae to attend!

During the 2000-01 school year, alumnae contributed a total of \$7,300 to different funds of the Annual Giving Campaign. An additional \$3,700 was received for the Debt Reduction Campaign which is being matched dollar-for-dollar by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation until June 30, 2002.

Once again I would like to thank all of those Alumnae who attended the AGM and I look forward to seeing all of you at the *Centennial Reunion* weekend May 3-5, 2002.

#### Plan a Class Dinner on Friday!

On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Decade Parties will be held at The Fairmont Winnipeg hotel starting at 8 p.m. To allow classes to get together for dinner, no activities have been scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. We invite you to contact your Class Rep (listed on page 12) to help coordinate a dinner. If your class does not yet have a Class Rep, please contact the Alumnae Office so that we can provide you with a complete class list.

# Here are a few of the events that took place over the past year:

- The Class of 1968 held a birthday celebration in Canmore, Alberta in October 2000.
- Our Alumnae Office staff, Geneviève Delaquis, met with two alumnae in Montreal in November while she was attending a conference.
- Alumnae reception in Victoria, B.C. in November hosted by Claire Sumerlus, Head of School.
- Students from Kindergarten to Grade 9 sent holiday greeting cards to over 400 alumnae who graduated from our founding schools prior to 1951.
- Over thirty young alums attended the "Home for the Holidays" reception in Aikins House in December 2000.
- Alumnae reception in London, England hosted by Claire Sumerlus, in March 2001.
- The graduating class of 2001 was welcomed in April to our Association at the Alumnae Brunch and received their key chains.

#### Several activities have been initiated recently to encourage a greater understanding of our history and a connection with alumnae:

- Two Grade 10 students initiated a project to create a video on "Memories of the School Uniform."
- The Grade 11 History class interviewed 14 alums in an effort to collect memories of the School. The oral histories were then compiled into a book which is in the school library and archives.
- Several alums have volunteered to be mentors via the Alumnae E-mail Directory.
- The search for lost alums continues in order to update our database.
- The BH E-mail Directory currently contains information on over 425 alumnae, and the website hosts a list of lost alumnae which is regularly visited and updated.

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# Ashleigh Banfield '85 is Making News by Jennifer (Thamer) Meister '85

No one who knows Ashleigh Banfield will be surprised to hear that the show which she anchors for US cable network MSNBC is described as "not your mother's newscast." *Newsfront* is vintage Ashleigh: unique, upbeat, entertaining and insightful. "It's like the Today Show on speed," jokes Banfield.

As one of the fastest rising media stars in the United States, Banfield's days are filled bringing Americans the latest news — and that's just how she saw herself on graduation day in June 1985.

"I always wanted to work in broadcast journalism," says the former Head Girl and star of BH operettas such as Oliver and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. "I was blind to the possibility of failure. This is where I was aiming to be — in the world of TV news."

About a year ago, Banfield found herself in the middle of TV-news' biggest story in years, as chief-correspondent during the Bush-Gore post election saga. Her astute reporting helped triple MSNBC's ratings and Banfield became a recognizable face across America. MSNBC executives rewarded her with the co-anchor position at *Newsfront* (airing on MSNBC at 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday).

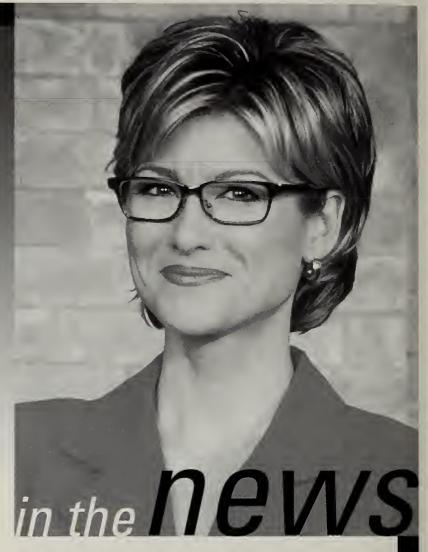
Banfield's success has been attributed to her upbeat personality, her ability to see the nuances in a story, and her ambition. One thing is for sure — she has worked hard to realize her dreams.

After graduating from BH, Ashleigh moved on to Queen's where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and French. Just weeks after Queen's convocation, Banfield began working at CJBN-TV in Kenora, moving eventually to stations in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary — where she received numerous awards for her chronicle of the life of a homeless man. Also while in Calgary, Banfield freelanced as an associate producer for ABC's World News Tonight, covering the 1991 Bush/Gorbachev Summit in Russia and the 1992 Clinton/Yeltsin Summit in Vancouver.

In 1995, Banfield moved to Dallas – co-anchoring KDFW Fox 4 nightly news at 5 and 9, a job that nabbed her a regional Emmy as well as a Texas Associated Press award.

"Without a doubt the highlight of my career so far was traveling to the Middle East and doing a documentary on the future of terrorism in America," says Banfield. "I ended up in the West Bank in a skirmish — pretty eye opening stuff."

Another highlight of Banfield's career — and one that brought back fond memories of Madame Dammerman's French classes — was traveling to Paris to cover the crash of the Concorde.



"I called BH when I got back from Paris to say 'you have no idea how much I needed French,'" says Banfield. "I had to work in French the entire week, trying to set up crews, deal with the City, get permits, deal with grief and aeronautics..."

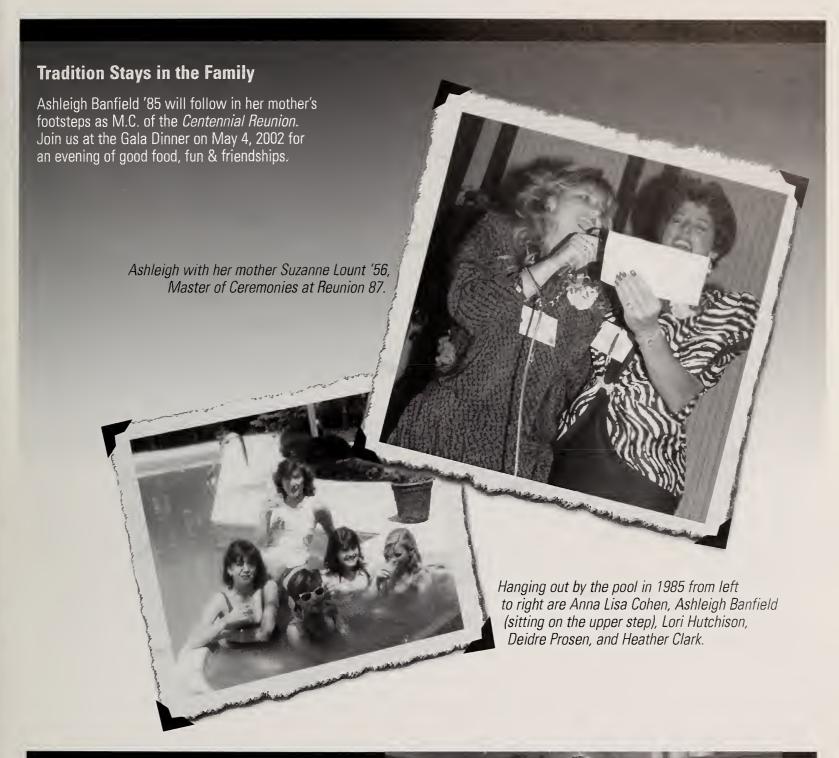
Whatever future success comes her way, one thing is for sure: BH provided Banfield with some very solid building blocks.

"I had great experiences in debating with Mrs. Martin and what I learned in Mrs. Sharpe's History classes clearly plays a huge role in what I do now, as does what I learned in Mrs. Friesen's Geography classes," Banfield says. "Our gym teacher Mrs. Westdal taught me a lot about communicating, she was very good at communicating with students."

Banfield doesn't say which class prepared her for bantering with Jay Leno when she appeared on his show last February. But those who know her know that she was just being the same old upbeat, entertaining Ashleigh.

#### **Editor's Note**

At the time of publishing, Ashleigh Banfield was in New York reporting on the terrorist attacks. We hope to share her experience with you in our next issue. Balmoral Hall extends its sympathies and prayers to all members of the BH Family affected by these tragic events.





#### **Centennial History Book**

Author Murray Peterson is now in the process of writing the history of the School, to be published in time for our school-wide centennial musical, February 1 and 2, 2002!

"I want the history and the book to reflect the true personality of the School," says Peterson, "From its humble beginnings on Carlton Street as Havergal College to the creation of Riverbend School in the midst of a worldwide economic collapse, through the move to amalgamation and the creation of Balmoral Hall School and finally the institution's growth over the last half century. I want readers to get a glimpse of the people, the annual events, the committees and the hundreds of other unique aspects of the school, as told through the eyes of its staff, students and parents."

To this end, he has collected a number of stories and remembrances from several alumnae but would love to have many more. You can contact him directly at (204) 837-2230 or e-mail him at mpeterson30@home.com. But don't be surprised if he contacts you!



Cast of Riverbend School's 1933 production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night



Halloween Party at Havergal College, 1905 (picture courtesy of the Balmoral Hall Archives)



Ticket to the 'A Day in the Country' fundraiser, Balmoral Hall, 1963



#### **Looking for Yearbooks!**

#### Havergal

Any and all years welcome. We have no way of knowing whether Havergal published a yearbook every year from 1902 to 1916. We have a few (1910, 1913, 1914, 1915) but any additional ones would be terrific to have.

#### Rupert's Land

Looking for yearbooks from 1917, 18, 19, 20, 34, 35, 37, 38. There was a period, 1922-28, during which no yearbooks were published. There may have been other gaps as well.

#### Riverbend

We now have yearbooks representing every graduating class!



# The Heritage Committee Writing the Next Chapter, Postscript

By T'shura-Ann Elias

...It looks smaller in winter when viewed across the silent yard, that same old house we've all inhabited at least once. But beneath the roof lies a banquet of memories — each room, a miniature world...In the months of spring and summer, it experiences a renaissance, along with the hydrangeas, camellias, bearded irises, and peonies that bloom so colorfully.

...In October, the link between things grows weaker now: the twig can no longer support the leaf, the branch is ready to release its fruit, and the ground turns cold against the root. The harvest moon rests in the sky like the head of a haloed Madonna, gently nursing the fruit to sweet perfection. The moon is calm.

Recently, while in the midst of relocating from Canada to the United States, I was reminded how very important it is to be inquisitive. This, in turn, reminded me of the role of the Heritage Committee, and of Aikins House. The House, reaching its centennial, has a great deal of history attached to it — as a home, a school, a retreat, and a heritage of Balmoral Hall School. Who designed it, who built it, and how, are the first questions we ask when we are brought to this place, and the answers to these questions, curiously enough, are easy to find. However, what Aikins House means to each one of us individually, how we remember and what we remember about the House — explaining this to an outside audience becomes a challenge. Thus, we become sleuths, detectives, interviewers, and historians.

For the past five years, the Heritage Committee, along with the generosity of donors, suppliers, and so many interested parties, has accomplished its task of restoring Aikins House to its original form. This has been a task intended for the Centennial Celebration, however, it has come to my attention that the restoration is above and beyond this one event. It is an ongoing process, and the Heritage Committee, has evolved to realize this.



From the artwork, to the furniture, to the walls, and floors — every corner of Aikins House seems fresh, new, and familiar. Walls have been painted rich in texture, illuminating the beauty of all that surrounds the House. The hardwood floors have been redone and area rugs have been laid, including the originally designed rug that has the crests of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend, and Balmoral Hall, weaving the past with the present. The windows have been adorned in drapery of rich textures in the colors of forest green and golden yellow, which make the House seem more open and warm. All of the furniture, from the sofas, to the Jacobean chairs, all tables, and desks have been reupholstered and refinished to such a degree that they look brand new. And let us not forget the beautiful artwork found throughout the House — all of which has been repaired and restored — giving a sense of the priceless and timeless beauty.

In-as-much-as that has been accomplished, the Heritage Committee plans to continue the restoration to the next level — literally. Our focus is now to move to the second floor of the House, which will include the landing of the stairs, the second floor foyer, the southeast room, the northeast room, the archive room, the washroom, and laundry room. In our estimations, the restoration of the second floor will include much of the same work that was done on the first floor — that is, carpeting, painting, refinishing the windows and the floors. This is a project that the Heritage Committee hopes will appeal to everyone. The Heritage Committee has had an extraordinarily good time learning not only about the House, but also about each student, and sharing the history with the past, the present and the future.

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#### My summer @ BH

By Sarah Young '98

I returned to BH this summer to work in the Alumnae Office. Making the transition from student to alumnae has been an interesting experience. The privileges of being able to park in the front parking lot, call teachers by their first names, walk through the copy room from the atrium and wear normal clothes have taken some time to get use to.

On a more serious note, we have made great progress in the search for our lost alumnae. This summer we reconnected with 127 alums from BH, Riverbend, and Rupert's Land. The Class Rep Program was revived and there are now 40 confirmed reps searching for their missing classmates. The website now includes lost lists back to Riverbend and Rupert's Land 30s and 40s. Thank you to all those alums who have assisted in the search.

As of August 2001, here is a snapshot of our progress:

Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and BH Alumnae		Balmoral Hall School Graduates (1951-2001)	
Total:	5,046	Total:	1,264
Found:	2,010	Found:	978 *
Lost:	3,036	Lost:	286

<sup>\*</sup>At this time last year, we were in contact with 73% of our BH graduates. Today, this number is up to 77%!

We want to stay in touch with you! Please remember to update us of any address changes in order to continue receiving *The Portal* and other important mailings. Simply call the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or e-mail us at alumnae@balmoralhall.com

#### Join 425 other Alums On-line!

Check out the Alumnae E-mail Directory at www.balmoralhall.com, on the Alumnae Page. It's a great way to locate and connect with your classmates. It is password protected and only available to alumnae and staff. The entire Class of 2001 has joined and challenges you to do so as well!



#### **New Prefect Position**

To build a connection between alumnae and current students, a new Prefect position has been established this year. The Alumnae Prefect will work closely with the Alumnae Association as they prepare for a large gathering of alumnae at their reunion in May 2002. She will also act as the link between the Alumnae Office and the graduating class.

Amanda Aldous '02, our 2001-02 Alumnae Prefect, says she looks forward to the upcoming year and welcomes any ideas that could help develop this new role at the School!

Sarah Young '98 (right) joins Amanda Aldous '02, Alumnae Prefect for a photo in the school atrium. Amanda is the granddaughter of an alum, Mrs. Barbara (Hamon) Aldous, Rupert's Land Class of 1938.

#### **Class Reps**

#### Rupert's Land

938 Barb (Hamon) Aldous

1946 Gwen (Lipsey) Moulden (45-47)

1947 Pat (Wilson) McLaughlin (45-47)

1949 Corrine (Anderson) Sawchuk

#### Riverbend

1944 Marion (Hambley) Campbell

1949 Carolyn (Dowler) Graham

1950 Daphne (White) Lindsay

#### Balmoral Hall

1951 Mary Hope (McInnis) Cunningham

1955 Sylvia (Pierce) Baker

1956 Diane (Grindley) Hardwick

1960 Judy (Munro) Jessiman

1962 Bea (Nichol) MacKay

1966 Susan Bracken

1967 Leslie (Stovel) Sprange

1968 Sydney (Kennedy) Lightbody

1971 Cynthia Lone

1973 Debbie (Stillborn) Heenan

1974 Signy Stewart

1975 Barb (Jacks) Davenport

1976 Deborah Metcalfe

1977 Liz Cherewan-Watson

1979 Cynthia (Kilpatrick) Eaton

1980 Tracy Maconachie

1981 Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot

1982 Maria (Clark) Lysack

1983 Carol (Premachuk) Steel

1984 Kim (Fyles) Fredericksen

1985 Anna-Lisa Cohen

1987 Bonnie (Cunningham) Cross

1988 Kristin Shanski

1990 Lauren Toni & Heather (Jessiman) Partridge

1993 Sharon Moir

1996 Wendy Campbell

1998 Sarah Young & Alexis Cloutier

1999 Crystal Bewza

2000 Ann-Marie Noseworthy

2001 Kelsey Mills

2002 Amanda Aldous

#### **Country Reps**

Hong Kong - Vanessa Chang '92

If you are interested in being your Class Rep, contact the Alumnae Office for more info!



#### Thank you from the School Archivist & Alumnae Office

By Lyn Stephen '57

Our call for memorabilia in the last issue of *The Portal* brought us some real treasures! We would like to thank the following people for their donations to the Archives:

Phyllis (Hutchins) Moore RLS '36 — Distribution of Prize programs from 1931, 1933 and 1936 Ruth C. (Thompson) Perdue RLS '44 — Photo of the student body at Rupert's Land in 1929 Amy (Best) Wadley RLS '45 — Snapshots of the 1945 Prefects' picnic & Havergal students Marianne (Burwood) Hollamby RLS '48 — 1972 newsletter

Terences Caslake - Small cup won in 1930 by Merle Phillips RLS '34

Sheila (Young) Zimmerman RLS '49 — Photos of the basketball teams and the 47-48 School Council Marigold Mann RIV '42 — Memoirs of her school days & war years

Marion (Hambley) Campbell RIV '44 — Diary, blouse from Home Ec. class and assorted photographs

Nancy (Complin) Chance RIV '44 – 1939 Riverbend yearbook

Daphne (White) Lindsay RIV '50 - Memoirs of her school days

Barbara (Young) Sparling RIV '51 — York House pin

Joy McDiarmid '57 — Memorabilia from *Reunion 87* 

Rae (Burrell) Jessiman '59 — Newspaper article about opening of Dalton House in 1961 Wendy (Bracken) Kennedy '61 — Brenda Balmoral doll, assorted pins, Brownies 16<sup>th</sup> pack memorabilia Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66 — House tie, BH blazer, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Building Fund Campaign materials Marion (Francis) Nielsen '67 — 1964 and 65 yearbooks

In preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we are looking for any memorabilia you may have...pictures, report cards, yearbooks, closing exercise programs, pins, uniforms, home movies and any other articles.

We are also in great need of volunteers to help display this memorabilia at the *Centennial Reunion* in May 2002. Please contact the Alumnae Office if you are interested!

# BALMORAL HALL NEWSLETTER

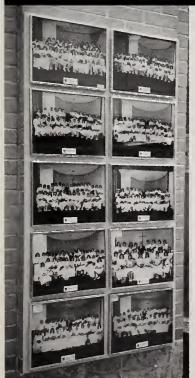


1972 Newsletter



Rupert's Land Basketball Team

#### The Search for Class Photos



In recognition of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the School is mounting a permanent exhibition of the photos of every graduating class, and we need your help.

Since Balmoral Hall is the amalgamation of Riverbend and Rupert's Land Schools in 1950, there have been 121 graduating classes!

So far, we have been able to locate an original photographs for just over half the classes.

The following alums have recently lent us their photos so that they may be reproduced and framed. Thank you!

1958 Rae (Burrell) Jessiman '59 1963 Linda (Leach) Radcliffe '63 1968 Anne Morton '68

RLS 1945 and 1946 Louise (Pellenz) Allton RLS '46

RLS 1945 and 1946 Louise (Pellenz) Allton RLS 46 RLS 1948 Sheila (Young) Zimmerman RLS '49

#### **Still Missing**

Please check your closets, attics and photo albums to help us locate original photos of the following graduating classes:

#### Havergal

Missing all years from 1902-16 except 1909

#### Rupert's Land

Missing class photos for 1917 to 1923, 28, 29, 32, 33, 44, 49, 50

#### Riverbend

Missing class photos for 1929, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 40, 45, 49

#### Balmoral Hall School

Missing class photos for 1952, 53, 54, 59

1960, 65, 69

1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

A reproduction will be made and the original will be returned to you. For further information, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or email alumnae@balmoralhall.com

Thank you to Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66 for initiating this display of our heritage!



#### **Attention Members of the Class of 1982**

By Maria (Clark) Lysack '82

It's hard to believe but 2002 not only marks the school's Centennial, but also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation. I know that I have lost touch with a lot of you, but rarely a day goes by without me thinking about all of you and wondering where you are and what you have done with your lives so far.

As the Registration Co-Chair for the *Centennial Reunion*, I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our 20th anniversary than to get together in May 2002 at the Reunion to renew old acquaintances, reminisce and share stories about what has happened to each of us over the past 20 years. Being involved in the planning of the *Centennial Reunion* has given me the opportunity to see what a fun-filled and exciting weekend is in store for those attending. *You don't want to miss it!* 

I have also agreed to take on the position of Class Rep for the Class of 1982. This involves making sure that we have up-to-date addresses for the class, getting information for the Crestlines section of *The Portal* and hopefully locating those people who are "lost." The lost alums from the Class of 1982 are Joni Pollock, Donna Pomeroy and Anita Wong. If anyone has any idea where they are, please let me know.

I would love to hear from each and every one of you. E-mail me a quick note at mlysack1@home.com and let me know what's happening in your life. I would love to put together a book with an update about everyone that would be ready in time for the reunion. If you can send me some pictures too, that would be great.

I look forward to hearing from all of you and to seeing you at the *Centennial Reunion* in May 2002.

#### DESTINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



What do the following professions have in common? Lifeguard, ski instructor, restaurant entrepreneur, Xerox sales associate, Asper School of Business MBA graduate and one of the founders of ENSIS Management Inc...they describe the dynamic new Chair of the Board of Governors at Balmoral Hall School – Mr. Ken Bicknell.

In a recent interview with Mr. Bicknell, he shares with the BH Family his thoughts about the School as she stands today and the school he is dedicated to building for his children (all four are currently enrolled in Junior School at BH), their classmates and generations of students to come.

WARNING: Mr. Bicknell's enthusiasm for BH can be contagious!

# When did your involvement begin with the Board of Governors?

My involvement began as a member of the 1999-2000 Board of Governors with a seat on the strategic planning committee for two years and I served as chair of the fundraising committee last year. I was on the Parent Association golf tournament planning committee this past spring. Last year, I served as Chauffeur to three BH students with an expanded role this year as all four of our children now attend Balmoral Hall.

#### Why did you accept the role as Chair of the Board?

In my first year on the board, it became evident to me that the Board of Governors individually were very capable and collectively very focused on the requirement to continuously improve the School. During that time, my personal view of the benefits of a gender specific environment for education up to Senior 4 evolved from uncommitted to very committed. It was at that point that as a family, we made a significant commitment by deciding to send our three daughters to BH through Senior 4. As a result of that decision, I felt that if I could effect any change, the benefits to my daughters would increase if I became involved sooner rather than later.

#### What is your view of the Board's role?

A belief that the Balmoral Hall Board of Governors must maintain an environment that has appropriate controls and that provides Management with the required resources to deliver the business plan. At the same time, we must exert a positive pressure on those same managers to continue to reach higher and farther.

#### What are your plans for the Board in the next two years?

To continue to act as a governance body that sets the strategic course for the School and allows management to manage. I believe a significant area of opportunity for the Board is to focus at a more global level while providing for the near and long term financial needs of the School.

#### To what do you credit the success of the Board?

The Board is collectively driven to provide the environment for the best education possible to each of the girls, boys and young women who study at BH. The Board, management and staff of BH have chosen to set a standard that utilizes a national peer group for the measurement of success through the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI). BH is the only private school in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to be accredited by CESI; a credit to BH staff and management.

## What does the gift from the Carolyn Sifton Foundation mean to the future of BH?

That we can move forward with the strategic plan of the School to provide an ever-increasing level of education to our students. It was the single event that made me believe that our goal of eliminating the debt and then creating an endowment for the school was achievable in the near term. I am confident that through the efforts of the parent body, the staff, and the alumnae, we will be successful. I am personally very thankful to the generosity of the Carolyn Sifton Foundation and to Mr. Graeme Sifton for his tireless efforts to BH.

# What are the fundraising goals of the Board after June 30, 2002?

With enrollment presently at its maximum, the Head of School has indicated that we could use more classrooms. Our international program is also at maximum enrollment so we are considering growth opportunities there. Our technology plan is so exciting that I also see all members of the BH Family working to see this plan successfully implemented.

My personal objective is for Balmoral Hall to build a significant endowment fund to provide in perpetuity for the educational needs the future will demand. The Board is focused on achieving our debt elimination objective, but I can assure you that as soon as that is met, we will set our sights on providing what is required for BH to continue its dominant role as an educational leader.

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# Supporting excellence with the finest facilities

Between 1988 and 1998, Balmoral Hall conducted a three-phase capital campaign, *Enriching her Tomorrows*. Each phase of the campaign culminated in stages of construction which, when completed, provided BH students with science laboratories, additional classrooms, a state-of-the-art theatre, the latest technological innovations and a competition-size athletic centre.

Capital campaign fundraising goals were not fully realized, but the Board of Governors recognized the importance of enhancing the School's facilities to continue to fulfill our century-old tradition of excellence. Following a thorough financial analysis, the decision was made to finance the shortfall through mortgages.

#### A magnificent gift...

In the fall of 2000, the BH Board of Governors committed its efforts to the elimination of the School's debt, with a goal of re-directing the annual payments of close to \$300,000 towards the ongoing enhancement of student programs.

In December of 2000, Balmoral Hall was pleased to announce an extraordinary gift from the Carolyn Sifton Foundation. A one-time grant of \$500,000 was earmarked to reduce the School's debt.

...and a challenge to be met In addition to its generous grant, the Carolyn Sifton Foundation pledged another \$500,000 to match all funds raised toward debt reduction between January 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002. This represents a potential total of \$1.5 million, which will go a long way in reducing Balmoral Hall's debt, enabling the School to free up operating income for education programs.

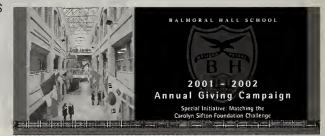
Members of the BH Board of Governors have lead the way in personally supporting the debt reduction campaign and, along with the Parent and Alumnae Associations, are directing their energies toward ensuring that our efforts will be successful in matching the entire amount pledged.

Realizing this goal will be the most sincere "thank you" we can offer to the Carolyn Sifton Foundation for their remarkable generosity.

#### You can make a difference

The Matching Gift Campaign is an exciting opportunity to make your gift work harder. By reducing Balmoral Hall's debt, operating funds can be redirected to student programs to enable each student to achieve her personal best. The freed-up funds can go toward helping us move ahead at a faster rate, in tune with today's pace of change in the areas of:

- implementing research-based academic programs such as the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program
- increasing leadership opportunities that provide girls with hands-on experiences
- increasing student access to the latest technology in all areas of school life
- expanding arts facilities and programs for students
- · attracting and retaining the finest teachers
- increasing national and international professional development for teachers to enhance their knowledge of the best practices of teaching, learning and assessing within an all-girls environment



# Raising Funds...Reducing Debt

All donations directed towards Debt Reduction before June 30, 2002 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000 by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

#### How It Works:

- 1 Make your gift to BH by cheque, credit card or on your school account before June 30, 2002.
- 2 Indicate that you want to direct it to **Debt Reduction**.
- **3** Receive a tax receipt for your donation.
- 4 Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.
- **5** Take pride in the knowledge that you have helped Balmoral Hall School attain a million dollar goal.

#### The Carolyn Sifton Foundation

By Tina Alto, Director of Development

Many people have been asking the Development Office of Carolyn Sifton's connection to Balmoral Hall. Carolyn and her family arrived in Winnipeg from Toronto in 1935 when her father Victor Sifton took on the position as General Manager for the Winnipeg Free Press. Carolyn and her younger sister Arma were enrolled at Riverbend School for Girls. Today, Carolyn's great niece Micah, is a Grade 7 student at Balmoral Hall.

Sadly, Carolyn never knew her great-niece as she passed away in Toronto after a lengthy battle with cancer in 1976 at the young age of 47. Never having had children of her own, Carolyn had a great fondness for children and so, upon her death, her estate was used to establish the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

The Foundation began its involvement with BH during the Enriching her Tomorrows Campaign, assisting with the development of our new facilities. Since then, the Foundation has contributed to the enhancement of our multimedia lab, the restoration of Aikins House and the acquisition of a hydraulic wheelchair ramp.

In our anniversary year, the Carolyn Sifton Foundation has made BH history with its donation towards the School's debt; the largest single gift ever received by BH.

> Carolyn Sifton (right) with sister Nancy enroute to Southampton, England in March 1953.



#### A Year of Excitement

The prospect of raising half a million dollars by the end of next June has resulted in a variety of creative activities being slated over the upcoming months. The following is a sampling of Matching Gift Campaign activities:

The Board of Governors Legacy of Leadership Dinner on October 13, 2001 will provide an opportunity for past & present members of the BH Family to gather and celebrate the School's centenary and its future. Special invitations have been mailed to our Advisory Board members and former members of the Board of Governors, Alumnae and Parent Associations to a progressive dinner, hosted by Leonard & Susan Asper, David & Ruth Asper, and Graeme Sifton.

#### Jump into the Future!

As we look back on the past 100 years, this year's Parent Association gala dinner will have guests thinking of the future. Mark your calendars today! On March 9, 2002, at The Fairmont Winnipeg, you will be treated to a futuristic adventure at the Parent Association Dinner/Dance & Auction.



#### 4th Annual Invitational Golf Classic

Revenues from the Parent Association Golf Tournament in June 2002 have been earmarked to meet the Carolyn Sifton Foundation Matching Gift Challenge. Watch for more Invitational Golf Classic details in the spring!

#### Yes She Can Award Dinner **January 24, 2002**

On the threshold of its second century, the Board of Governors of Balmoral Hall School will commemorate the achievements of women from around the world at its inaugural Yes She Can Award Dinner. Our first recipient is recognized as a positive role model and inspiration for today's young women.

We are pleased to announce that the 2002 recipient is V. Maureen Kempston Darkes. As President and General Manager of General Motors of Canada Limited and

V. Maureen Kempston

Darkes, first recipient of the Yes She Can Award.

Vice-President of General Motors Corporation, Ms. Kempston Darkes has achieved a very influential position within the Canadian and global economies.

For tickets or for more information, please contact Tina Alto, Director of Development at (204) 784-1614.

# Question: When is \$100 worth more than \$100?

# Answer: When it is an annual giving donation directed to the Centennial Endowment Fund, supporting bursaries and scholarships.

This year you have the opportunity to help build the **Centennial Endowment Fund** through your support of the Annual Giving Campaign. The establishment of this fund will provide BH with financial stability and ensure long-range planning. When you direct your annual giving contribution to this endowment fund, the principal amount is invested and an annual transfer to the School provides funds to support scholarships, bursaries and awards.

Therefore, a \$100 gift can be worth far more over time than your original investment!

#### Have you Will power?

Here are some areas you should examine with respect to your will:

- Do you have a will?
- Is your will up-to-date?
- Does your will represent your wishes?
- Is your will valid?
- Is your will safely stored?
- Does your representative or executor know where it is stored?
- Have you considered including a charity like Balmoral Hall School in your will?

If you wish to discuss a bequest to Balmoral Hall, please contact Tina Alto, Director of Development at (204) 784-1614. Personal visits can be arranged. All enquiries regarding bequests are confidential.

Tax Tip: In recent years, the federal government has made changes to encourage charitable giving. Today, many individuals make a charitable donation at death to minimize or completely eliminate the tax otherwise payable as a consequence of death. The charitable limit has increased to 100% of net income for donations made in the year of death and if not fully used, can be carried back one year. Balmoral Hall encourages you to consider the many advantages of planned giving.

#### Gifts to Ensure Balmoral Hall's Future

During this centennial year, every grade at Balmoral Hall will research and celebrate our rich heritage. At monthly assemblies, they will honour the splendid histories of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend, and Balmoral Hall Schools. Concurrently, BH students will embark on an exciting journey of exploration and discovery as they work with the latest tools and technologies that enrich their studies as outlined in the recently adopted Strategic and Technology Plans.

It is this commitment to the past and excitement about our future that now drives our fundraising plans. Whether you join in the Carolyn Sifton Foundation Matching Gift Challenge and direct your annual gift to debt reduction, or whether you decide to direct your annual gift to the Centennial Endowment Fund, you will have an enduring impact on the students of today and tomorrow.

Outright gifts are today's lifeblood, however, a Charitable Bequest can have a value even greater than most gifts made during a lifetime. Balmoral Hall enjoys a proud tradition of support. Historically, many of our greatest gifts were received through Charitable Bequests. These gifts have funded scholarships and bursaries, or in the case of Sir James Aikins, were used to establish Riverbend in 1929, one of Balmoral Hall's founding schools.

For many, the desire to make a significant gift today is impacted by the need to provide for yourself and your family. An ideal solution is a thoughtful estate plan, one that allows you to reflect on what is most important in your life; a plan that protects and provides for your family and favorite charities. Through a bequest, capital accumulated during your lifetime can be used to fulfill philanthropic dreams.

Balmoral Hall depends on several fundraising activities to remain excellent. Most of these activities would not be successful without the many volunteer hours from our BH Family. The School relies not only on these volunteers, but also on the funds generated by them each year. The mix of "fundraising" and "friendraising" ensures BH remains an exciting, healthy community.

Regardless of the type or amount of your gift, all gifts are guaranteed to advance Balmoral Hall's educational mission: Educating, Encouraging and Empowering students to achieve their personal best.



# Why I have Bought a Theatre Seat in my Name Marvet Batenchuk. Class of 2001

"To celebrate my final year at Balmoral Hall, I decided to buy a seat in the Sifton Family Theatre. I have been at Balmoral Hall for four years. In that time I have made numerous friendships, enjoyed a wonderful teaching staff and just taken in all the experiences that BH has to offer. From going to Japan to going to Minnesota, I've enjoyed every minute of it!! This theatre seat will be a special reminder to me of Balmoral Hall and an excellent graduation gift!"

You too can Leave your Mark on Balmoral Hall!

Members of the BH

Family have endowed 125 seats in the Sifton Family Theatre. There are still some seats left! For information on how to get a seat of your own, please call Tina Alto in the Development Office at (204) 784-1614.

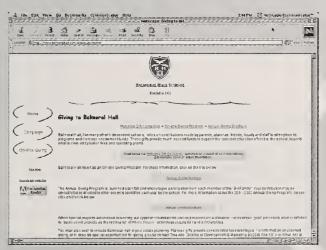


If you haven't visited the BH website lately, here's some of what you are missing:

- Centennial Activities at a Glance
- Parent Association Events & Activities
- Art Gallery of Student Work
- Alumnae E-mail Directory
- Calendar of Events
- History of the School
- Alumnae Centennial Reunion
- Teaching & Administration Staff Lists
- What's New Page
- Admissions Information
- Curriculum for Junior, Middle & Senior Schools
- How to Donate to BH
- Benefits of an All-Girls School

#### E-mails-for-all-students-andstaff @ balmoralhall

All students and staff now have their own personal BH e-mail address! To check for e-mail through the School website, click on the link found on the homepage.



#### You can now Donate On-line!

By Tina Alto, Director of Development

We are pleased to announce the addition of On-line Giving to our website. With more and more people using the Internet, we felt it was time to give our donors this option. It is easy, fast and convenient. At any time of the day, you can now make a secure credit card donation to Balmoral Hall — no paperwork or stamps needed!

Our On-line Giving Program is provided by *Net Directories Inc.* This Toronto-based company has provided alumnae an E-mail Directory for the last two years, proving to be reliable and trustworthy. The donation

form uses an industry-standard Verisign certificate to assure the security of your credit card information.

All donations can still be directed to the fund of your choice. Upon making your gift, you will receive a confirmation e-mail and your tax receipt will then be mailed.

To find the donation web form, simply click on "Giving to BH" on our homepage www.balmoralhall.com

We are anxious to see how many donors will prefer this new method of giving! If you have any questions, please call the Annual Giving Office at (204) 784-1603.

#### **BH Girls Support a Worthy Cause**

Girls for the Cure...a Walk/Run in Support of Breast Cancer Research

On October 4th, 2001, with the support and guidance of CancerCare Manitoba and the Guardian Angel Foundation, Balmoral Hall School hosted the 1st annual "Girls for the Cure Run/Walk" in support of the Guardian Angel Foundation's commitment to breast cancer research.

Following the lead of independent girls' schools in Montreal, BH students from Grades 7 to 11 formed committees and worked throughout the summer months to ensure the success of this new initiative. The event itself consisted of a 5 km run/walk for all students from Grades 1 to 12 with a fundraising objective of \$5,000.

Staff members Lisa Calsbeck and Heather Welch worked with students on the event. Calsbeck explains how an educational component is being built in, "The exciting thing about *Girls for the Cure* is the education that takes place prior to the actual event. Students have already made presentations to the entire school to increase awareness of breast cancer and explain the impact of this disease."

Students are involved in all aspects of the organizing: education, event planning, sponsorship, communication and fundraising. The money raised from this year's event will help the Guardian Angel Foundation's research in the hopes of finding a cure for a disease that has taken so many mothers, daughters, grandmothers and friends. Calsbeck adds, "We are the first school in Winnipeg to get involved in this national event. Because we are a girls' school, we felt it was important to get involved in a fundraiser for a cause that affects mostly women."

We look forward to sharing with you photographs of this special event in the next issue of *The Portal*. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact Heather Welch at (204) 784-1655. Together we can build a brighter future and fight this deadly disease.



# showing their support



Students were thrilled to stand in front of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens.

#### **Balmoral Hall Goes to Greece**

By Susan Sammons, Grade 8 Teacher

Last March, during their Spring Break, 21 students and six parents and teachers set out on a two week tour to view the ancient wonders of Greece and to cruise the Mediterranean Sea visiting many of the Greek islands. Under beautiful, blue skies and the warmest weather in 100 years, we wandered through the Athenian Acropolis, the ruins of the Delphic Oracle, the Roman city in Corinth and the burial mounds of Mycenae. Sailing across the Aegean Sea and stopping at the islands of Hydra, Poros, Aegina, Rhodes, Patmos and Mykonos was truly wonderful!

One of the highlights of the trip was our day in Turkey at the Roman city of Ephesus where the multitude of buildings and streets allowed us to walk in the footsteps of Antony and Cleopatra! The students made certain that the adults had a completely worry-free trip as well as providing many moments of hilarity. While everyone was happy to get a tan and a few souvenirs, it was sharing an awesome experience with such a wonderful group of people that made the trip so special!

#### **Centennial Scotland Trip**

Students, parents and staff of Balmoral Hall School will travel 'across the pond' next summer to Bonnie Scotland to discover the School's roots and heritage. The 28 passengers will be escorted by the travel consultants of Scottish Secrets to the historical city of Edinburgh. After touring the city for two days, the group will head north through Perth and over the Glenshee Mountains to Mar Lodge (Queen Victoria's former hunting lodge) which will be their home in the highlands for a week. Braemar, Ballater, Glen Gairn and Craig Gowan will be top on the list of places to visit.

Besides these historical places of interest, we will be visiting Balmoral Castle (the Queen's summer residence) and grounds and many other castles and stunning gardens along the Royal Deeside. We'll be getting our exercise by hiking through the ancient Caledonian forests and climbing up the famous mount.

climbing up the famous mountain of Lochnagar for unparalleled views of this historical area. 'Nessie,' a woolen mill and of course a famous distillery are also part of our itinerary. The trip will culminate in a 'wee Scottish party — a Ceilidh' at the lodge on our final night. The next day we

will head down to Glasgow via a traditional highland games and then travel home the following morning with many wonderful memories of this trip of a lifetime!



Mar Lodge

This trip sold out within one week! We are offering a second trip with the same itinerary and accommodations July 19th — July 30th, 2002 which is filling up quickly. If you would like to reserve a space, please call Gaelyn or Russell at Scottish Secrets, (204) 888-9380. We will be holding an informational 'gathering' for all trip participants and anyone who is interested in the second trip to view the video, photos and receive travel advice. Please call the above number if you would like to attend.

#### Balmoral Castle



#### Our Sister School in Japan

Another visit with our wonderful friends from our sister school Shizuoka Eiwa has come and gone. The Balmoral Hall Japanese Summer School took place for 12 days in July, with 30 Japanese students and three chaperones arriving on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The visit consisted of ten activity-filled days with everything from cultural and historical excursions to dancing on the Paddlewheel Queen. This year we had nine Canadian girls from Balmoral Hall involved in the program. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and showed the Japanese girls many of our Canadian ways.

The highlight of course for all the girls is the homestay visit with one of our BH families. They enjoy this experience immensely, with many friends being made. As we bid our fond farewells to our new found friends, tears are shed with hopes that, although there are many miles between us, that we may indeed meet again.

Konichewa, Cheryl Briggs







#### news

#### Students and Parents spruce up Balmoral Hall



Balmoral Hall girls paint one of the suites in the residence hall.

(Originally published in The Metro, July 4, 2001)

By Claudine Gervais, Metro Editor

There's no place like home – even if it happens to be a residence hall.

Balmoral Hall hosts a number of international and out-of-town students who live in the residence on campus. This summer, the rooms are getting a new look, courtesy the students and parents of the school. Sue Kruger of the parent association takes a break from painting and directing her volunteer charges to explain the project. "We didn't want an institutional look. When the girls are here, it's home," said Kruger, her face splattered with stray paint.

The seed for the renovation was planted along with the mentorship program between parents and students in residence. Mentorship mothers visiting the students noted the condition of the rooms, and thought they could do with a little improvement.

"Just a little paint," laughs Kruger about the original idea that has grown to encompass so much more.

The parents and students are tackling 10 bachelor suites, home to two girls each. They removed the carpet, demolished an inefficient arrangement of sink and cupboards, painted and purchased new beds and desks. Closets have also been reconfigured, complete with organizers for the students' clothing and other items. Before, the large closets often became a disorganized dumping ground for odds and ends.

"We're like clucking hens, knowing we could do better," said Kruger, echoing the ambition of moms everywhere.

One suite was completed first as an example of what the parents had envisioned. From there, board members of the school approved spending \$30,000 per year for the next three years on the upgrade. All told, 22 apartments will receive a facelift, beginning with the first 10 suites this summer.

Common areas will also be updated. A lounge will feature a way to reflect the culture of students attending the school from places as far away as Japan, China and Germany. Each student will be able to fill an open frame on the wall with space to hold items that reflect their homeland. The work is being completed with volunteer labour, by parents and students.

"It's a good time. Except when you're stuck with your head in a cupboard," jokes Ashley Zajac, a Senior 4 student. "You put on the music and paint with your friends. It's fun."

Marisa Louridas has visited the residence on a number of occasions. "It's just like any teenage bedroom," she says of the suites. "I really like it."

Valerie Vanbiervliet is working to brush the mushroom-coloured paint into the grout of a brick wall. "I want to stay until the end just to see how it all works out."

About 45 students will live in residence come fall, including seven Grade 7 students.

### BUILDING A STRONG RESIDENCE

#### Renovations in the Residence

By Tracy Smith, Director of Residence

We have nearly completed the first two phases of the renovations to Balmoral Hall's residence. Before the end of the school year, students living in the dorm were provided with brand new Amisco beds with *funky* black steel headboards and new mattresses. As well, a "display suite" was done that enabled us to put our vision into reality, and provide a template for the volunteers to follow. Since then, desks, lamps and tables have been purchased for the rooms.

By late July, all 10 double occupancy suites were totally remodeled. The maintenance crew, Richard and Michael, removed all of the kitchens. Crews of volunteers then moved in to repair, spackle, sand, prime and paint. Each of the suites was transformed into ultra-modern living spaces using a great colour palette with completely renovated closet spaces and bathrooms. There was an attention to detail that only current BH parents Wally Cawson and Jim Pigden could pull off, including the replacement of light fixtures, new mirrors in the bathrooms, and custom-made end tables.

As the deadline of July 21<sup>st</sup> approached, three extremely dedicated volunteers must be commended for their outstanding efforts. Wally Cawson, Jim Pigden and Sue Kruger invested eight to ten hours per day for weeks on end to see the near completion of the work. If it hadn't been for their efforts, the residence would not have been presentable for our overseas visitors, here for the Japanese Summer School.

We will be continuing our work in the building over the school year and for the next two years. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If you find the winter blahs setting in this year, give me a call at (204) 784-1659 and we will utilize your talents in any variety of ways. Everyone has a talent that would benefit this project!

# We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following people that helped out in residence over the summer:



Lisa Kruger
Logan Kruger
Sue Kruger
Brad McColm
Anne McNeill
Linda Mitchell
Dennis Nikkel
Elaine Pagura
Elaine Pigden
Jim Pigden
Pat Simmons
Carrie Stefanik
Tom Wolstencroft
Margaret Wolstencroft

Teagan Wolstencroft Wanda Zajac Mitch Zajac

Students:
Amanda Aldous
Amber Bewza
Sarah Briggs
Kaitlin Briggs
Brittany Cawson
Jennifer Dyck-Sprout
Meghan Fitzpatrick
Simmie Globerman
Kerryn Kruger

Marisa Louridas
Danielle Matte
Ashley McGregor
Brenna McGregor
Erin Mitchell
Hilary Moir
Caroline Monnin
Julie Pagura
Mika Rayter
Dany Théberge
Valerie VanBiervliet
Chloe Wolstencroft
Ashley Zajac



Final Farewell Pool Party at Fitzpatrick's in June 2001 residence students with their mentorship mothers

#### **Residence Mentorship Mother Program**

Through the hard work and dedication of Karyn Globerman, Residence Liaison for the Parent Association, and Sue Kruger, past Residence Liaison, the Mentorship Mother Program was introduced to the residence students for the 2000-2001 school year. The program was a major success!

Each student was paired with a mother from the student body to help in their transition to life in a Canadian boarding school residence. The *mothers* acted as another support system for the girls. The level of relationship between the student and the mentorship mother was entirely left up to the pairing. Some students went out for coffee regularly with their *mothers*, and others only met during group get-togethers and at birthdays.

We would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all who were involved in the program last year and we look forward to another successful year!

THE PORTAL-FALL 2001

#### We Must Always Seek Better Things. An excerpt of the Valedictory Address

By Jennifer Yamamoto '01, Head Girl



It was 12 years ago today as Heather Jessiman delivered her valedictory address that I sat napping in the first pew. I know that had I been awake to hear it, it would have provided inspiration for the speech I deliver today. Instead I must draw my inspiration from my time at BH.

As we look back on our experiences here, our minds are flooded with the memories of what we have shared and it seems that our journey from tunics and knee socks to white dresses and Kleenex has taken but a moment. I am both honoured and saddened because our time here has come

to an end. Although we would like to think that we have reached this point alone, it is only with the dedication and devotion of our BH Family that we are the well-rounded, young women you see before you.

**To our teachers** – You have taught us how to learn and how to live.

**To our fellow students** — We hope you realize that as we leave today, we are not just saying goodbye to our peers but goodbye to our friends.

**To our parents** – Thank you for giving us advice we didn't want to hear, for not coming into the dances to find us, for covering us on forgotten bake sale days and for rushing ties, kilts, shoes and lunch kits to school. While our gratitude for what you have taught us cannot be expressed in words, please know that our love is unconditional and that everything you have given us has made us better people.

And I save the best for last! **To my fellow graduates** – How do I address the people I have grown up with, those that have touched my life in ways I never thought possible. We may leave behind the common room, the lunch cards and the warmth of the BH Family but we

take with us the strongest education, the strongest friendships and the knowledge that in order to succeed we must always 'Seek Better Things.'

As we move forward and discover our future, never forget what BH has given you. As we leave today remember that this is not the end; merely a new beginning. Remember our friendships as we travel down our separate paths...it will bring us back to BH. Until we meet again.



Twenty-nine dolls found a new home in June 2001. Every year, the Grade 11 class makes dolls for each graduate and strives to give these dolls as many characteristics of the students as possible. Excellent job girls!

#### Focus of BH Grounded in 99 Years of Tradition. An excerpt of the address to the Class of 2001



By Claire Sumerlus, Head of School

Today is a day you thought would never come and one you will never forget.

Today is a day full of memories and yet with a lot of promise for your future.

Today is your graduation day.

Graduation is a day for stars in your eyes and dreams in your heart. It is a time for

decision-making. Today, like a builder, you are laying the foundation for your future. Each one of you will build a different life. I urge you all to reach out, achieve your personal best and always remain life-long learners.

You are living in a world full of choices. Open your minds to these choices. The road is a long one with many interesting detours along the way. As Britta Fiskal said, "Dream what you want to dream, go

where you want to be, be what you want to be – because you only have one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do."

After 99 years of tradition and the amalgamation of Havergal, Rupert's Land and Riverbend schools, Balmoral Hall is still dedicated to the education of the 'whole child.' The world has changed over the years but the focus of the school remains the same.

You are our future. The world is changing very rapidly. The amount of knowledge used to double every 38 years. Now in the new technological age, the rate of knowledge is doubled a few times a day. It is always easier to remain in one's comfort zone but don't be afraid of new challenges, experiences, and opportunities...they will help you fulfill your dreams! I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

**Choices & Challenges** 

An excerpt of the Keynote Address at the 2001 Closing Exercises

By Daunica (Martin) Brock '83



Daunica (Martin) Brock (left) and Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83.

My name is Daunica Brock and I am an alumna of Balmoral Hall, graduating class of 1983. It is truly an honour to be here today as a guest speaker for this very special occasion.

Let me begin with a story...In 1970, a 19 year-old girl called a friend to see what he was doing that day. It was Saturday, and she thought they might get together. He informed her that he was going to write and exam for Air Traffic Control, and suggested she come along. She did, and when she entered the room, she noticed that she was the only female there. At the top of the page she put her first initial and her last name.

A few weeks later, she received a letter asking her to an interview. When she arrived, the two interviewers laughed and asked what she was doing there. She informed them that she was there for and interview and showed them the letter that she had received. The men never once thought the "S" could have stood for Sally, and were quite taken back. This was a profession which was completely male dominated, and it was widely believed that the thought process, math and logic involved, was done best by a man. Sally completed her interview.

I want to speak briefly about choices and challenges you can look forward to in your quest for further education and career. Choices will or have already been made, and the wonderful thing about choices is that they can always be changed. Remember that you are the number one consideration with regards to your choices, and your happiness is key.

It seems we are all in a rush to get our careers under way at such an early age, and often we choose what sounds good, rather that what is good for ourselves. After many unsatisfying jobs, I discovered air traffic control. I saw an ad in the paper, did a mental checklist of the requirements, and determined that I was a perfect candidate!

Note to self and anyone else who is interested: know what you are getting into before you do it!

Back to Sally's interview in 1970. She was hired as the first female air traffic controller in Canada since World War II. I work with her today in Edmonton along with 17 other female controllers. What Sally did in 1970 was extraordinary. She is a modern day pioneer so to speak, and has opened the doors for females in a very dynamic and exciting career.

Challenges should be faced head on. Use your education to your advantage, be bold, and stand up for yourself. If you think something is unusual and interesting, challenge yourself and do it! The education you have received at Balmoral Hall has well prepared you for this.

Daunica was born in Thompson, Manitoba and grew up in Liberia, West Africa and Saudi Arabia. She attended BH from Grade 10 to 12, lived in residence and was elected School Captain in her final year. She then graduated with an undergraduate degree in 1987 from the University of Manitoba. She completed training as an Air Traffic Controller in 1992 and now lives in Edmonton with her husband Bruce and four kids: Caitlin 10; Grayson 4; Alexa and Browyn 2.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2001!

Acadia University

Anna AbouZeid – Political Science Elizabeth McFadden – Arts

**Guelph University** 

Sarah Gravelines — Science with future plans to pursue Psychiatry

Laurentian University

Meghan O'Keefe – Media

McGill University

Jennifer Yamamoto – Science with future plans to pursue Medicine

**Mount Allison University** 

Kelsey Mills – B.Sc Psychology/Cognitive Sciences, with future plans to pursue Medicine

Queen's University

Katie Brownell – Science with future plans to study Medicine

Trave

Virginia Koreman plans to travel to Australia

University of British Columbia

Catherine De Torres – plans to study Medicine

University of Calgary

Patricia Ball – Computer Engineering Rayna Beaubien – Engineering Alara Humniski – Kinesiology

**University of Greenwich, England**Lola Chizh — Finance

**University of Manitoba** 

Maryet Batenchuk — Arts Simmy Bhullar — Management Tina Chiang — Fine Arts Catherine Maksymiuk - Arts Jennifer Muzik — Management Deenish Roopra — Management Ashleigh Sprange — Physiotherapy Abbie Bajon — Sports Medicine Rotary Exchange to Brazil
Renata Choptiany

**University of Toronto** Anna Penner — Psychology

University of Western Ontario

Carla Pienaar — Business Dorice Tepley — Business Carla Goncalo — Biochemistry

**University of Winnipeg** 

Alysha Kassum — Sciences with future plans to study Pharmacy Andrea Mancini — Education Christine Ryckman — Environmental Studies

Let us know if you are interested in welcoming our newest alumnae to your area or helping them build a connection with someone in their chosen field. They would love to see a familiar BH face as they embark on their newest adventure!

#### **Production of the Century**

By Joanie Sheps

In celebration of Balmoral Hall's centenary, an outstanding musical review showcasing the wide variety of talent at the School is planned for February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002. The Richardson Hall Athletic Centre will be transformed into a multi-media theatre for the sound and light extravaganza. Girls from Junior, Middle and Senior School will sing and dance in a production exploring the imagination of a young girl and celebrating the choices that life has to offer.

This production is under the direction of George Budoloski and Robin Dow, both well-known throughout Winnipeg's Performing Arts community. Robin's most recent credits include the choreography for MTC's mainstage production of *The Wave*, as well as the choreography of last year's Fringe sensation *The Wave*. In addition to choreography, Robin has taught jazz, tap, and musical theatre to numerous students of all ages.

George Budoloski was the producer of last year's Fringe production of *The Wave*. He has written over 40 songs for *Sesame Street* and was the director of the HMCS Chippawa Naval Reserve Band for over nine years.

This husband and wife team has enjoyed directing many musicals at Grant Park High School, including *Crazy for You*,

Beatledaze, Sweet Charity and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, but their favourite co-production is their two-year old daughter Gracie.

Balmoral Hall's upcoming musical review promises to be the production of the century!



# the Stars of BH...



Throughout the winter of 2000, Balmoral Hall students ranging from Senior 1 to 4 (Grade 9-12) with the addition of six Winnipeg boys, rehearsed continuously to bring to stage five stunning performances of *The Boyfriend*. As always, the hard work and dedication of our students and staff paid off, with almost all shows being sold out!

#### I'm Going to the Reunion for Sure!

By Tannis Leach '83

The evening after Closing Exercises where Daunica (Martin) Brock '83 was one of the speakers, I spent some time with Daunica, Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83, Carol Premachuk '83, and Jackie Cantin '83. It was a last minute gathering of old friends who don't spend any time together...I was tired; it had been a long day...and this was one more thing to squeeze into the day.

Well...I am excited to say that we had a great time. I felt like I was 17 years old again, and I cannot stress that enough. As soon as I sat down at the table, the laughter and the chatter began. It was like we couldn't talk fast enough to catch up on what each other was up to. We laughed and laughed and laughed. It wasn't about husbands and kids and work and stresses and showing one another up...it was about us and our dreams and what we wanted to do in the future...just like when we were 17. We talked the way we used to talk...only our 'rose-coloured glasses' are a bit tainted now.

As I looked around the table, I thought that this was a good moment in time...where I was with my old and dear friends and the years that we hadn't seen each other didn't matter at all. Of course we reminisced, which brought on more laughter. Only now, we were looking back at our school years and experiences through the eyes of adults, and of mothers, and of responsible citizens...which just made us laugh more.

I left my dear friends with big hugs, promising to see each other at the Centennial Reunion. I know they will be there. Make sure *you* come too!

I'm going to the Reunion... Are You?!?

# Are you going?



Graduates proudly leave their handprints in a cement pad outside the residence building.

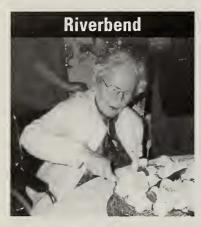


Even the rainy weather couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces!



The Class of 2001 left their mark on BH in June. Of this group of 29 young women, nine were 'Lifers!'

The BH Alumnae Association wants to know where you are and what you are doing. Share your milestone events with the BH Family such as weddings, births, promotions and awards. We'll be sure to include you in the next edition of *The Portal*. Write, call or e-mail us at alumnae@balmoralhall.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



#### Allison (Grant) Chown

Allison attended Riverbend and later returned to BH to teach in the 60s. She celebrated her 90th birthday in August 1999.

#### Joan (Roberts) Barrett RIV '49

Joan was a professional dancer on CBC TV in the 50s. She then taught ballet and jazz after she finished dancing for a living. Joan is now retired, but still does some extra work in films and commercials.

#### **Rupert's Land**

#### Anne Duffin RLS '43

Anne is now retired, after working with Curtis Brown, a literary agent in London from 1958-1986.

## Pat (Bernard) Williamson RLS '44

Pat is living in Ottawa. She hopes to attend the *Centennial Reunion* in May.



#### Joyce (Burton) Fulton RLS '46

"My Mom, Betty (Fraser) Burton of Winnipeg was a graduate of Havergal Girl's School. She married a rancher and built a home in Medicine Hat where she lived until the age of 94."

#### Joy Tredennick RLS '48

Joy has played the viola since the age of 15. She attended the Royal Academy of Music. She has played with the London Orchestra for operas and ballets. After touring extensively, most recently in Lebanon, Joy is now semi-retired.

## Elaine (Tempest) Williams RLS '49



Shannon (Hall) McCorqudale RLS '49

Elaine is still good friends with Doreen (Harknett)

Utas RLS'49. They have passed several winters together in Mesa, Arizona. Elaine is preparing to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next year. She is looking for **Shannon** 

(Hall) McCorqudale RLS '49 — the only member of her bridal party they are unable to find. If anyone has any information on Shannon's whereabouts, please contact the Alumnae Office.

#### **Balmoral Hall**

#### 1950s

#### Dawna (Duncan) Armstrong '55

Dawna is a Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. Her husband Richard Armstrong is an alumnus of Rupert's Land Kindergarten. She has two daughters and six grandchildren.

#### Maureen (Ford) Coleman '59

Maureen writes, "Hello to any of you that remember me from my 1951-56 years. I have retired from teaching and have been living in Pickering, Ontario for the past 35 years. Love to hear from any of you that care to send a message." To get in touch with Maureen, find her on the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory found at www.balmoralhall.com

#### Susie (Allan) Fraser '59

Susie writes, "Since retirement I have been able to return to Canada several times a year. I continue to go to the Lake of the Woods — first with my two daughters from 1977 and now planning to have a first grandchild there in the summer of 2002! I am still in contact with lots of my contemporaries from BH as a result of this. Lucky me!"

#### Bernice (Prodor) Kosiur '59

Bernice writes, "I am living in Vancouver and enjoying life. Still working as an investment advisor for Raymond James (formerly Goepel McDermid) and have been here for 20 years enjoying the challenges of the global stock markets and ongoing learning process. *The Portal* is great to receive and so good to see that BH is thriving."

#### 1960s

#### Pam (MacCharles) Pettigrew '60

Looking forward to the reunion next year! Good Luck.



Three of the four White Sisters gathered in November 2000 on the occasion of Dilys' youngest daughter's wedding in Calgary. From left to right are Daphne (White) Lindsay Riv '50, Dilys (White) Machej '62 and Deidre (White) Buechler '61.

#### Suzanne Evans '62

Sue is teaching for the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), at a high school for severely emotionally disturbed students. "It is challenging. Every day something unexpected happens. I can see Miss Sharman smile as I speak; it's pay-back time!"

#### **Attention: Alums of the 50s**

A piece of our past is missing. To date we have only been able to locate an original class photo of the graduating class from June 1955, 56, 57 and 58. Please lend us your photo to complete the display in the school atrium. More details on page 13.



Seen above are Maryel Andison, Madeleine Murray and Lil (Swaffield) Cohen, all members of the Class of 1964. The photo was taken in Boca Raton, Florida in 2001.

#### Margot (Anderson) Malchuck '67

My husband and I relocated this past June to Alliston, Ontario. We have two grandchildren — Nathan and Claire. They are a joy — it's wonderful being such a short distance from our families.

#### **Marilyn Williams '67**

Marilyn received the YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Communications and Public Relations. She is now the head of communications at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

#### 1970s

#### Constance Winter-Troutwine '70

Constance is a Speech and Language Pathologist with Rockford Public Schools — just north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has been married to Jim Winter-Troutwine for almost 23 years now, and has two children: Erin (18) and Kelse (13). She recently received the Rockford Public Schools outstanding Employee Award 2000-01. Constance attended BH for Grade 11 and 12, and says they are "still two of the best years of my life."

#### Joan (Barstow) Tanner '70

Joan and her husband moved from Houston to Brussels three years ago. Their two sons are at university studying business at McMaster and Wilfred Laurier.

#### Margaret Haworth-Brockman '79

Margaret writes, "I am currently Executive Director of the Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence, one of five national Centres. We provide grant monies for research on the social determinants of women's health, which is used to make policy directions for health planning to improve women's heath at regional, provincial and national levels. The Centres are part of a national network which are setting precedents for inquiring about the health of marginalized populations of women as well as challenging the many changes being made under the title of "health reform."

#### 1980s

#### Eva Fung '80

Eva writes, "It was a pleasant surprise to hear from Balmoral Hall after all these years. I was certainly proud to see how much the school has grown after checking out the website."

#### Nicola (Murray) Tory '80

Nicola and her husband David are proud to announce the birth of their fourth child, Charlotte Marilyn. Charlotte was born on May 7, 2001 in Toronto, a sister for Madeleine, James and Matthew.

#### **Attention: Alums of the 70s**

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**Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81** Heather was married on July 14, 2001 to Mr. Gérald Ragot.

**Daunica (Martin) Brock '83**Daunica was this year's keynote speaker at Closing Exercises.
Turn to page 25 for her address to the Class of 2001.

#### Julia Kwok '83

Julia writes, "My husband and I have been back in Hong Kong for six years now, after living in Sydney Australia for three years. Two years ago, I joined the government department - Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) - as a Telecom Engineer looking after the technical regulation issues for the telecommunications industry in Hong Kong. I have one child, Brian who is now four and a half - sometimes rather mischievous and likes to act and speak like an adult! He will be entering primary school next year."

#### **Ann McDowall '84**

Anne writes, "I have particularly fond memories of Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Klymkiw, Grades 5 and 6 teachers when I was at BH. Also, Mrs. Nichols would be happy to know that I am an embroiderer, quilter and knitter. I am a member of the Embroidery Guilds of both Canada and America. An embroidered seascape I did at BH in 1979/80 was recently part of an exhibit here in Vancouver.

Kelli (Smith) Urquhart '85
Kelli lives in Westmount, PQ
with her husband Peter and
their two children, Nicola (6)
and Thomas (2). "I'd really love
to get in contact with Leigh
Fiorentino '85." If you know
where Leigh is, please contact
the Alumnae Office.



Three members of the Class of '86 (I-r: Angela Hilland, Joelle Foster-Balaktsis, and Onalee Aimes) joined us at the Alumnae Brunch to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their graduation.

Onalee (Hawkins) Aimes '86
Onalee has moved back to
Winnipeg with her husband
and one year old son. She has
started her own acting studio,
and has already been cast in
several independent films in

Tamara Moore Sabad '86

the city.

Tamara writes, "On April 21, 2000, my husband Shondell and I welcomed a sweet baby boy into the world. His name is Joshua and he is now walking, talking, and teething like mad. We are still living in Calgary, and I started my own consulting business out of my home in the fall of 1999. I am currently a stay at home mother that also works one to two days per week in my business. My clients are mainly small businesses. I do customized Sales and Customer Services Training; Time Management; Infrastructure Set-Up and Human Resources. In my spare time I garden and travel, and wish that I golfed more!"

#### Linda Graham '87

Linda's stepmother Carolyn Graham RIV '49 writes: Linda has been ill since early childhood with an unusual disease called CIP. After being in and out of hospitals and having several major surgeries, the long awaited call from the Transplant Centre came on May 5th, 2001. She received a new stomach, bowel, liver and pancreas - only the third such operation to take place in Canada. Those who know Linda will understand what a brave and gutsy girl she is and will be pleased to know that she is recovering well - in spite of a fall two weeks following her surgery, when she broke her leg. She will have other hurdles ahead of her, but she will meet them with her traditional strength and courage. Linda and her family are very grateful for the many prayers that have been offered and for the love and encouragement she has received.

#### Barbara Ann (L'Heureux-Berg) Rosen '87

Barbara joined the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory and reconnected with one of her classmates. "Thank-you so much for allowing me to join your site! I am so excited; perhaps I will find my other roommates. What a fabulous treat I found!"

#### Michelle Kresz '89

Michelle is currently living in Budapest, Hungary. Her son Julian Jonathan is two years old. She is president of Sure International Limited. "Wishing my classmates all the best and much happiness in life. Vive valeque!"

#### 1990s

#### Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90

Heather and her husband, Christopher are expecting their first child in December.

#### Sarah Hoole '91

Sarah writes "My mother and I own a boutique called Jigsaw Accessories and More. We have moved from Academy and are now located at 1693 Corydon Avenue. We have been operating the store for five years and loving it!"

#### Yasmin Hosain '91

Yasmin just completed her Masters is Medical Sociology, and is still living in Winnipeg.



Amy Johnson '91 and Megan Morgan '91 in the residence common room.

#### Amy Johnson '91

Amy is married to Kevin Kozar. She is living in Fort Frances, Ontario working as an engineer at Abitibi-Consolidated.

#### Anita Soni '91

Anita is still studying. She has finished a residency in Internal Medicine and started Cardiology this summer. She is married and living in Winnipeg, where she can see BH from her balcony.



Megan & Richard Morgan

#### Megan (Dodds) Morgan '91

Megan is happily married to Richard Morgan, they have 2 children, Jesha (7 months), and Sondelle (3). She is a store manager at Pier One Imports in Calgary. Megan is going back to school this fall to study holistic medicine.

#### Amanda (Gyles) Plante '91

Amanda was married on August 12, 2000 in Kenora. She moved back to Winnipeg, four years ago after being in Los Angeles for four years. Amanda is currently working at JobWorks, an adult education school in the computer self-study lab. She is the lab manager and a teacher's assistant. In the fall she will be teaching computer classes for seniors.

#### Wendy Welby '91

Wendy is working as an occupational therapist at PsycHealth with children and adolescents. She is also acting, and has a border collie named Sunnie. "Thanks for organizing the 10 year reunion bash!"

#### Jodie (Breneman) Zilkey '91

Jodie moved back to Brandon four years ago, after living in Ontario for seven years. She owns a women's store — Jodie's Design's for You. Jodie was married on August 4th, 2001.



#### Vanessa Chang '92

Vanessa writes, "I have been back here in Hong Kong for the past four years and have been working at an insurance company as a Financial Planner for the last two years. Hopefully I will be going back to school for a Masters degree in Marketing in a couple of years. I will be attending the reunion in 2002 (if \$\$ allows!) Hope to see you all there!!!" Vanessa is the 'Country Rep' for Hong Kong. To get in touch with Vanessa, find her on the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory found at www.balmoralhall.com

#### **Allison Boulton '93**

Allison writes, "4 blocks from the beach for frisbee & rollerblading; a balcony with a 'glimpse of the sunset' view for a garden & BBQ; and plenty of room for friends sums up my life in downtown Vancouver. Add weekends of camping, a steady diet of rock concerts and an expanding role with Paradise Ranch Wines (www.icewines.com) and you've got one happy BH alum!"

#### Hana Dobrovolny '93

Hana is currently living in Durham, North Carolina. She is working on her Ph.D in Physics at Duke University.

#### Kim Lemmy '93

Kim writes, "I am moving to Vancouver in October 2001. If anyone wants to get it touch it would be great." To get in touch with Kim, find her on the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory at www.balmoralhall.com



#### Class of 1989

We have located several copies of your "white dress photo". If you would like a copy, please contact the Alumnae Office.

#### Reagan Nolan '94

Reagan graduated from Cooking School at George Brown College in Toronto and is currently working as a Pastry Chef at the Delta Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon.

#### Michelle Cowan '95

Michelle backpacked through Europe after high school for five months. She then worked for Q94 CHUM FM for a year before moving to Toronto where she now works at Global Television. She has been in Toronto for three years and is just loving it!

#### Cheryl (Pearson) Ramsey '95

Cheryl writes, "I graduated from the University of Manitoba last May with an advanced B.A. majoring in English. Following my graduation, I moved to Tacoma, Washington and was married September 2, 2000 to Sean Ramsey. I am really enjoying my new life in the U.S. but very much miss Winnipeg and think of my 12 wonderful years at BH often."

#### Laura Hutchison '96

Laura writes, "After attending BH for Grades 3-5, my family moved to Vancouver in 1989. I graduated in 1996 from York House School. I am currently living in Beijing, China working on a magazine. I am interested in getting in contact with some of my old classmates from Junior School." To get in touch with Laura, find her on the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory at www.balmoralhall.com



Class of 1992 – Ready for your Ten Year Reunion? Can you believe it has been ten years! The Alumnae Office is more than happy to help you plan your reunion. Interested in coordinating? Call the office at (204) 784-1603.

#### Flora Wang '96

Flora Wang and Lena Yang are both working at Nortel Networks in Ottawa as software designers. "We are still inseparable 'twins.'"

#### **Brenda Wills '97**

Brenda spent time traveling in Thailand this summer after completing a one year contract as a business development officer in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### **Alexis Cloutier '98**

Alexis won the open doubles title at the Canadian Handball Nationals in May.

#### Alana Miller '98

Alana writes, "During the 2000-2001 year, I lived in Edmonton, played squash full time and was coached by the Women's National squash coach. I competed in several international events and gained valuable experience. This upcoming season, however I will focus on academics at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. I plan to major in mathematics and play on Cornell's squash team."

#### Mark your calenders! Alumnae Social – Thursday, May 2, 2002

Join friends at BH to celebrate the school's centennial. Look for more details in the next issue of *The Portal*.



I-r: Susan Rich '87, Elaine (Golumbia) Stitz '66, Jenny Stitz '98, Julia Cloutier '03, Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66, Alexis Cloutier '98.

#### Jenny Stitz '98

Jenny spent the summer in London, Ontario, working for the 2001 Canada Summer Games with *Sacha Mason '98*. She was accepted to go on an exchange through Western University to Australia for seven months. The school is on the Gold Coast, which is an hour away from the Great Barrier Reef.



#### Heather Ware '98

Heather writes, "I graduated from the School of Toronto Dance Theatre in May. I am moving to Holland in the fall to do a graduate year with the Rotterdamse Dansacademie. It is going to be incredible. I don't think that I will be able to make it to Winnipeg for the reunion, although that would be great to see everyone again."

#### Crystal Bewza '99

Crystal spent the summer in Kingston, Ont. running a summer computer day camp for kids called Science Quest (It's the Mini U of Queens). She stopped by the school in April, and visited Mr. DeBlonde's Senior 3 Physics class to talk about Engineering.

#### Monica Guajardo '99

Monica is majoring in Marketing at University in Mexico. If she has the chance, she hopes to come to Montreal to study. "Please write me! I miss you all." To get in touch with Monica, find her on the BH Alumnae E-mail Directory found at www.balmoralhall.com

#### Home for the Holidays

Young Alums from 1997 to 2002 are invited to celebrate the holiday season with classmates on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001 in Aikins House. Watch for your invitation or check the School's website for details.

Some Winnipeg alums from the class of 1998, got together for a BBQ in July when Sarah Lemoine was visiting from Kingston. Left to right: back — Caroline May, Marianne Chatzoglou, Dorothy & Emily Czaplinski, Sarah Lemoine, Arlene Kent, Maleen Mendis front — Lily Tang, Alexis Cloutier, Sarah Young.

#### 2000s

#### Laura Fletcher '00

Laura provided many insider tips to the *S2 Careers Begin Here!* Class in April. She spoke about Science at the University of Manitoba and St. John's College.



#### Erin Kopelow '00

Erin attended BH for Grades 7 & 8, after which her family moved to the States. She began playing field hockey in a serious way in high school. She was co-captain of her team who won the state championship in her senior year. She was recruited to play varsity field hockey for the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she will be returning to continue her studies this fall.

#### Abbie Bajon '01 and Christine Ryckman '01

Abbie and Christine won the Women's B doubles event at the Canadian Handball Nationals in May.

#### Staff



#### Kerry Ann Batista – Front Office

Congratulations to Kerry Ann, Tony and big sister Bailey on the birth of Madison Maria Bonnie. She was born on April 30th, at the Women's Hospital, weighing 9lbs. 9oz.



#### Cori Hildebrand – Grade One Teacher

Here is Mrs. Hildebrand's 4th child Tristan, born March 11, 2001. After having come through emergency open heart surgery in Montreal at two weeks of age, he is thriving, constantly smiling and very happy to be here!



#### **Kay Condra Retires!**

The Parent Association invites you to a Retirement Tea in honour of Mrs. Kay Condra who retired in June 2001 after 20 years at BH. The tea will be held in Aikins House on Wednesday, October 10th from 4 to 6 p.m.





#### **Daughters of Alums Graduate in 2001!**

Two of last year's graduates come from families of alumnae. Seen here on the left are Ashleigh Sprange with mother Leslie (Stovel) Sprange '67 and grandmother Ferne (Lount) Rose RIV '39. Also graduating was Catherine, daughter of Jane (Duckworth) Maksymiuk '66, seen on the right .

#### In Memoriam

#### **Dorothy Gerrie RIV '28**

Passed away on July 14, 2001

### Dr. Harriet M. Perry Lederman, Head of Balmoral Hall School 1967-73

Dr. Perry passed away on June 20, 2001 in Vernon, B.C. She is survived by her two sons John and Bob Lederman, her daughter Kathie (Mrs. Andy Mather), and her grandsons Matthew and Patrick Lederman.

Dr. Perry graduated from Medicine in 1940 from the University of Manitoba and practiced until 1947 when she and Jack began their family. In 1967, she became the Head of Balmoral Hall School for Girls and remained there until 1973, after which she returned to the University of Manitoba to enjoy her studies in English and Film.

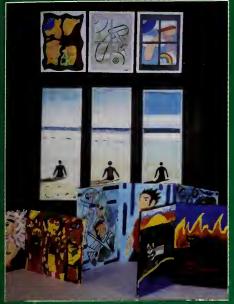
During her life, Harriet pursued her interest in art by serving on the Board of Governors of the Winnipeg Art Gallery and participating in the Art Appreciation Group. She was also a longtime member of the Board of Governors of both the St. Vital and the Winnipeg Public Libraries.

Born in Winnipeg in 1914, she lived on Victoria Crescent in St. Vital for most of her life. During these years, Harriet's home was, for many, a comfortable constant in a world of change. Harriet also loved

sharing the cottage at the Lake of the Woods with family and friends. She had a great impact on those whose lives she touched and she is remembered fondly by all.

As is the School's practice for all deceased Heads, an Entrance Scholarship in Dr. Perry's name is being established and will be presented at Closing Exercises starting in June 2002.





Object of My Affection
Triptych Project
Top: Danielle Matte (Senior 3)
Middle: Carla Piennar (Senior 4)
Left: Mhelanni Gorre (Senior 3)
Front Middle: Crystal Li (Senior 3)

Right: Carrie Rothwell (Senior 2)



Object of My Affection Triptych Project By: Deidre Santos (Senior 2)



Object of My Affection Triptych Project By: Amrita Mohanty (Senior 2)



Set design based on the Lawren Harris painting titled **Lake and Mountains**Set design by: Amrita Mohanty, Crystal Li, Tina Chiang and Isabel Echevarria Casillas and Visual Arts teacher Christina Kowalec

# PROING 2001 AROT SHOW



Twentieth Century Women of Influence Project Sandra Schmirler
By: Heather Ingo and Christy Kolt (Senior 2 students)



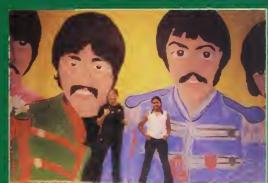
Pen and Ink By: Heather Ingo (Senior 2)



Pastel Study In-the-Manner-of
Lautrec's: In a Private Room at the Rat Mort
By: Meghan Fitzpatrick (Senior 1)



Pastel Study In-the-Manner-of Lautrec's: Last Crumbs By: Leah Wong (Senior 2)



Grade 8 set deign for **Dear Prudence**based on the *Sargent Pepper's* album cover.
This was an inclass project led by Visual Arts teacher,
Christina Kowalec. Senior student helpers; Amrita
Mohanty (right) and Gap student Rachel Barber (left)



**Object of My Affection** *Triptych Project* By: Kristi-Marie Guzda (Senior 2)

